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**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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Application Number	Unassigned
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Title	HYDRATION POUCH WITH INTEGRAL THERMAL MEDIUM

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above. Prior to examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments to the specification and claims:

AMENDMENTS**In the Specification:**

At page 1, line 3 please enter the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a continuation of PCT application no. US01/27285 filed August 31, 2001, entitled Hydration Pouch With Integral Thermal Medium to Jeff S. Skillern which claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/653,816, filed September 1, 2000, entitled Integrally Cooled Hydration Pouch to the same inventor.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice and enter new claims 13-21 for examination.

13. (New) A hydration system comprising a flexible pouch including a plurality of layers forming at least two compartments, at least one of said compartments being filled with a thermal capacitance medium.

14. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein said pouch is formed by joined sheets of material.
15. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein said pouch is formed by a first bag surrounded at least partially by the second bag.
16. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein said pouch is formed by a first sleeve surrounded at least partially by a second sleeve.
17. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein said medium consists of a cooling medium.
18. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein said medium consists of heating medium.
19. (New) The system of claim 13, further comprising a conduit having an inlet and an outlet, said inlet being in fluid communication with a compartment for drinking fluid.
20. (New) The system of claim 19, further comprising a valve at said conduit outlet.
21. (New) The system of claim 20, further comprising a pack configured to receive said pouch and be wearable by a user.

REMARKS

Cancel claims 1-12 are canceled without prejudice to their renewal, without intent to acquiesce to any rejection that may be applied thereon, and without the intent to abandon any subject matter encompassed therein. Claims 13-21 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein. No new matter is believed to be added by this Preliminary Amendment.

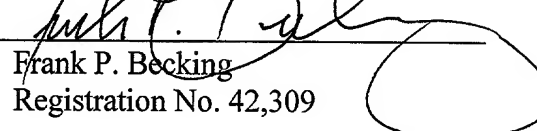
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Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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